

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 14-19 are allowed. Claims 1-5 are canceled. New claim 56 is added and claims 6-12 are amended to depend on new claim 56. The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the amendments set forth above and the following remarks into the record.

New Claim 56.

Claim 5 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was found to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. New claim 56 consists of the limitations of claim 5 and its base claim (claim 1). Thus, new claim 56 should be allowable.

Dependent Claims

Claims 2-13 have been amended to depend on new claim 56 or one of its other dependent claims. Since each of these dependent claims contain all of the limitations of their respective independent claims, claims 2-13 should now be allowable.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that Applicant has responded in a fully satisfactory manner to all matters at issue in this Office Action. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions concerning the application, or feels that an interview would advance the examination process, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's undersigned attorney at the direct dial number printed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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